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SUBJ: MINISTER CAIRNS TO LEAD TRADE MISSION TO CHINA

1. SUMMARY: MINISTER FOR OVERSEAS TRADE CAIRNS  
WILL LEAD A TOP LEVEL TRADE MISSION ON TWO- WEEK  
VISIT TO MAINLAND CHINA IN MAY. PRIME MINISTER  
WHITLAM ALSO PLANS VISIT TO CHINA LATER IN YEAR.  
END SUMMARY.

2. AT PRESS CONFERENCE MARCH 14, PRIME MINISTER  
WHITLAM ANNOUNCED THAT A TOP LEVEL TEAM OF  
AUSTRALIAN BUSINESS LEADERS HEADED BY MINISTER  
FOR OVERSEAS TRADE CAIRNS WILL VISIT MAINLAND  
CHINA FOR APPROXIMATELY TWO WEEKS BEGINNING MAY 13.  
WHITLAM ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT HE WILL GO TO PEKING  
ON HIS WAY HOME FROM MINISTERIAL TALKS WITH THE  
JAPANESE GOVERNMENT IN TOKYO IN MID- OCTOBER.

3. MINISTER CAIRNS LATER GAVE DETAILS OF THE TRADE  
MISSION WHICH RESPONDS TO AN INVITATION FROM  
CHINESE MINISTER FOR FOREIGN TRADE PAI- HSIANG- KUO.  
THE INVITATION CAME AFTER INITIATIVES BY GOA  
LAST MONTH AND SEVERAL WEEKS OF SUBSEQUENT  
NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS. MISSION  
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WILL INCLUDE 13 PROMINENT ( AND PRESTIGIOUS)  
REPRESENTATIVES OF AUSTRALIAN EXPORTING, IMPORTING,,  
BANKING AND GOVERNMENT INTERESTS. SIR IAN MCLENNAN,  
CHAIRMAN OF BHP, AUSTRALIA' S DOMINANT IRON AND  
STEEL PRODUCER, WILL HEAD PRIVATE BUSINESS INTERESTS  
PORTION OF THE MISSION. OTHER MEMBERS WILL INCLUDE:

MR. BELL, GENERAL MANAGER, NATIONAL  
BANK OF AUSTRALASIA,  
MR. NORMAN COLES, CHAIRMAN AND MANAGING DIRECTOR,  
G. J. COLES COMPANY,  
MR. K. EDWARDS, GENERAL MANGER, WESTRALIAN  
FARMERS' COOPERATIVE,  
MR. A. GRIMWADE, CHAIRMAN, KEMPTHONE MISTRAL,  
MR. D. HIBBERD, CHAIRMAN, COMALCO,  
MR. R. JACKSON, GENERAL MANAGER, COLONIAL SUGAR  
REGINING CO.,  
MR. J. KIBEL, DIRECTOR, SERVIAN INDUSTRIES,  
MR. H. M. KNIGHT, DEPUTY GOVERNOR, RESERVE BANK  
OF AUSTRALIA,  
MR. G. MITCHELL, MANAGING DIRECTOR, G. H. MITCHELL  
AND SONS,  
MR. K. MYER, CHAIRMAN, MYER EMPORIUM,  
MR. H. SCHMIDT, GROUP CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND DIRECTOR,  
ELDER SMITH GOLDSBROUGH MORT LIMITED,  
SIR THOMAS WARDLE, MANAGING DIRECTOR, TOM THE  
CHEAP ( WA),

3. CAIRNS SAID PRIMARY OBJECTIVE OF MISSION  
WILL BE TO ASSESS TRADING PROSPECTS IN GENERAL  
TERMS AND IN RELATION TO SPECIFIC PRODUCTS.  
MISSION WILL SEEK TO INCREASE SALES TO CHINA  
OF WHEAT, SUGAR, IRON ORE, WOOL, STEEL AND MANU-  
FACTURED PRODUCTS.

4. THE TRADE MISSION FOLLOWS ESTABLISHMENT OF  
DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN AUSTRALIA AND CHINA  
ON DECEMBER 22, AUSTRALIAN EXPORTS TO CHINA  
DURING FY 1972 WERE A\$37 MILLION AND IMPORTS  
FROM CHINA WERE A\$41 MILLION. AUSTRALIAN  
EXPORTS TO CHINA HAVE FLUCTUATED WIDELY DEPENDING  
MAINLY ON WHEAT SALES. IN FY 1970 AUSTRALIAN  
EXPORTS WERE A\$127 MILLION AND IN FY 1971 A\$63  
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MILLION. AUSTRALIAN IMPORTS FROM CHINA HAVE

GORWN REGULARLY FROM YEAR TO YEAR AND CONSIST  
MOSTLY OF TEXTILES AND CLOTHING , WITH SOME  
ORES AND MANUFACTURED GOODS.  
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